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APPLICANT: Toby Wexler

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EXAMINER: Valenti, Andrea M.

FOR: Apparatus and Method for Partially Encapsulating an Animal's Head

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

In response to the office action mailed 12/13/04, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Amended ) A protective animal collar assembly comprising:

- a) A single hollow, hemispherical member having equatorial and polar regions and an irregular opening therein extending from said polar region to near proximity with said equatorial region;
- b) a conical ring member having a minor diameter equivalent to that of said hemispherical member removably attached to said hemispherical member at said equatorial region;